

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)
Determination of NonSignificance

6 August 2020

Lead agency: City of Issaquah

Agency Contact: Keith Niven, keithn@issaquahwa.gov, (425) 837-3430

Agency File Number: SEP 20-00005

Applicant/Proponent: City of Issaquah
1775 – 12th Ave NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

Description of Proposal: The proposal, the Mobility Master Plan (MMP), is a non-project action to adopt a new master plan that updates the adopted Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element. The proposal adds current information to comply with requirements of the State of Washington Department of Commerce planning guidelines. The proposed changes to the plan are: an update the City's transportation infrastructure inventory as of December 25, 2019; documentation of the public involvement process (including a public survey); an updated needs assessment and evaluation; strategic projects to be identified in an adopted capital facilities plan, and includes a planning tools for future non-motorized transportation projects. Updated goals and policies stated within the proposal replaces the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Transportation Element.

Location: Citywide

The City of Issaquah has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Staff have reviewed the Environmental Checklist (attached) and the draft Plan:

<https://issaquah.civicweb.net/FileStorage/996EB3C2597C463A98F05E8CBFA1A7DB-A.%20Draft%20Plan.pdf>

Findings: This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

1. The 6 Guiding Principles focus on evolving the City's transportation system to meet the demands from growth; to allow for more environmentally sustainable modes of transportation and to develop sustainable transportation funding solutions.
2. The MMP seeks to provide missing mobility connections to allow for more efficient travel within the City. By so doing, impacts to the environment will be lessened.
3. The projects listed in the prioritized list (Table 6) have already been evaluated and included in other City-adopted plans. No additional environmental review needs to occur for the prioritized projects.
4. For the Non-Project (Section D) responses to Questions 2 and 4, the Checklist references the Parks Strategic Plan. The MMP does not propose any measures or policies that would adversely impact flora/fauna or sensitive areas.

Comment Period: This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The City shall not act on this proposal for 14 days. Please direct any comments by 21 August 2020 concerning this threshold determination to:

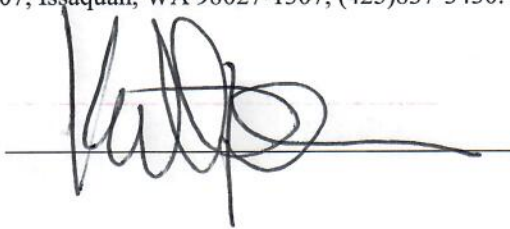
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Appeal Period: The Lead Agency will observe a 14-day appeal period following the completion of the comment period. Any person aggrieved by this determination may appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal no later than 5 p.m. on 4 September 2020 and paying a \$750 filing fee. Appeals may be filed electronically by emailing the same to Keith Niven at keithn@issaquahwa.gov. A hard copy of the Notice of Appeal and a check for the filing fee must be deposited in the mail addressed to City of Issaquah Permit Center, Attention Candy Baer, PO Box 1307, Issaquah, WA 98027 and post-marked no later than 4 September 2020, in order for the appeal to be valid. Appellants should present specific factual objections to the DNS in the Notice of Appeal.

SEPA Responsible Official: Keith Niven, AICP, CEcD
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Date: 6 August 2020

Signature:

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cc: Washington State Department of Ecology
Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)
Parties of Record
Issaquah Development Services Department
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**City of Issaquah
Development Services Department
P.O. Box 1307
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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

A. BACKGROUND

- 1. Name of proposed project:** 2020 Mobility Master Plan
- 2. Name of applicant:** City of Issaquah
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

City of Issaquah
Public Works Engineering
P.O. Box 1307
Issaquah, Washington 98027

Contact Person: Stephen Padua, Senior Transportation Planner
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- 4. Date checklist prepared:** July 31, 2020
- 5. Agency requesting checklist:** City of Issaquah

- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

It is anticipated that the proposed Mobility Master Plan will be adopted in September 2020. The proposal has been through the following City of Issaquah meeting and public input process:

- Prior Engagement
 - Traffic Task Force - 2015
 - Phase1 Public Engagement – March – May 2019
 - City Council Study Session – June 10 2019
 - Phase 2 Public Engagement – Sept-October 2019 (online and meetings)
 - Transportation Advisory Board
 - Monthly Jan 2019 through October 2019
 - January, June 2020
 - Phase 2 Public Engagement – Sept-October 2019 (online and meetings)
 - In-person Meetings – February – March 2020
 - Online – July 2020
- Future Engagement
 - Transportation Advisory Board – August 2020
 - SEPA Non-Project Checklist and Determination August 2020
 - Planning Policy Commission – August & October 2018
 - City Council Meeting – September 8 2020
 - City Council Study Session - November 2020
 - City Council Meeting – December 7 2020 adoption via Ordinance with Comprehensive Plan update

7. Plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal:

The Mobility Master Plan is subject to annual review and update but is required to be updated every 6 years. This is the first time this plan will be adopted.

8. Environmental information that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:

This checklist. The proposed plan includes non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on the environment. Any specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

9. Applications that are pending for governmental approvals or other proposals directly affecting the property covered by the proposal:

Not applicable. Implementation projects are evaluated at the project level.

10. List of government approvals or permits that will be needed for the proposal:

The proposed Mobility Master Plan will require review and approval by Planning Policy Commission and City Council. Required notice to the Washington State Department of Commerce will be provided via e-mail.

11. Brief, complete description of the proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site:

The proposal, the 2020 Mobility Master Plan, is a non-project action to adopt a new master plan that updates the adopted 2019 Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, Ordinance 2894 and fully incorporate the 2014 Walk and Roll Plan. The proposal adds current information to comply with requirements of the State of Washington Department of Commerce planning guidelines. The proposed changes to the plan are: an update the City's transportation infrastructure inventory as of December 25, 2019; documentation of the public involvement process (including a public survey); an updated needs assessment and evaluation; strategic projects to be identified in an adopted capital facilities plan, and includes a planning tools for future non-motorized transportation projects. Updated goals and policies stated within the proposal replaces the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Transportation Element, Ordinance #2894 but remains consistent with the community vision identified in other planning documents. Since the proposal is a non-project action, specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

12. Location of the proposal, including street address if any, and section, township, and range; a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available:

The proposed Mobility Master Plan covers all areas of the City of Issaquah.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (underline one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

The City of Issaquah is generally located within and around a valley at the south end of Lake Sammamish. The downtown area is located primarily on the valley floor with the more suburban sections of the City located upon the surrounding hillsides. The terrain ranges from flat to rolling, hilly and steep slopes within the City limits.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

The downtown area of the City is generally flat while the surrounding hillsides may have sloped up to and/or exceeding 100%. Specific project impacts would be evaluated at the project level.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? Specify the classification of agricultural soils, and note any prime farmland.

Although the City of Issaquah has many different general types of soils both on the valley floor and the surrounding hillsides, the proposed 2020 Mobility Master Plan will not disturb any of these soils. The City is an urban environment with no large scale agricultural activity. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications. Subsequent projects may require geotechnical surveys depending upon location.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Yes, in limited hillside areas. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

No grading is proposed at this time. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

f. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities, if known.

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

3. Water

a. Surface:

- 1) **Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including yearround and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

There are several streams, ponds and wetlands within the vicinity of the City and three lakes. The streams include Issaquah Creek main stem, Tibbetts Creek, the North Fork of Issaquah Creek, the East Fork of Issaquah Creek, Mine Hill Creek and Cabin Creek. Mine Hill Creek, Cabin Creek, East Fork of Issaquah Creek and the North Fork of Issaquah Creek all flow into the main stem of Issaquah Creek; from there, the Issaquah Creek flows into Lake Sammamish. The other lakes within the City are Round Lake and Tradition Lake. The streams and wetlands range from class one to class three wetlands depending upon the location and improvements. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

- 2) **Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

- 3) **Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that could be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

- 4) **Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

- 5) **Does the proposal lie within a 100year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

The City of Issaquah has several areas that lie within the 100-year floodplain. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

- 6) **Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

b. Ground:

- 1) **Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable.

- 2) **Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Not applicable.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:**

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

(Answers note plants in Old Town as a whole. The proposal is a non-project action.)

☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, poplar, black cottonwood, Oregon ash, other

☒ coniferous tree: Douglas-fir, western red cedar, pine, western hemlock other

☒ shrubs: willow, Himalayan blackberry, Japanese knotweed, snowberry, salal, western sword fern, currant, other

☒ grass

☒ pasture

☐ crops

☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, reed canary grass, other

☒ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, sedges other

☒ other types of vegetation: cherry, hazelnut, locust, ornamentals other

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

None.

c. List threatened or endangered species or critical habitat known to be on or near the site.

Puget Sound Chinook Salmon were listed as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in May 1999. Chinook are present in the main stem of Issaquah Creek and the East Fork. Bald eagles, an ESA listed threatened species, are known to nest near Lake Sammamish. However, the proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds or animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site? (Answers note wildlife in Old Town as a whole. Proposal is a non-project action.)

invertebrates: aquatic and terrestrial insects, other

fish: salmon, trout, bass, other

amphibians: frogs, salamanders, other

birds: bald eagles, owls, hawks, woodpecker, kingfisher, mallards, other

mammals: elk, deer, bobcat, beaver, bear, other

b. List any threatened or endangered species or critical habitat known to be on or near the site:

Puget Sound Chinook Salmon were listed as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in May 1999. Chinook are present in the main stem of Issaquah Creek and the East Fork.

Bald eagles are nesting on the shores of Lake Sammamish. The proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The Issaquah basin is part of the Pacific flyway and migratory bird species, including waterfowl use Issaquah Creek seasonally. Issaquah Creek is host to returning salmonids each year including sockeye, coho, chinook, kokanee, and cutthroat. However, the proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

The proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site:

Invertebrates: aquatic and terrestrial insects, other

Fish: salmon, trout, bass, other

Amphibians: American bullfrog, salamander, other

Birds: European starling, other

Mammals: Nutria

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electricity, natural gas, oil, wood, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

None.

b. Would your project affect potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, which could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

No.

(1) Describe special emergency services that might be required:

Not applicable.

(2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable.

(3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Not applicable.

(4) Describe special emergency services that might be required:

Not applicable.

(5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

b. Noise

(1) What types of noise exist in the area that may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment operation, other)?

Not applicable.

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)?

Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Not applicable.

(3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

The uses within the City of Issaquah vary from low density residential to multifamily residential to retail/office to commercial to urban village. To the north is the City of Sammamish; to the south of the City are Squak Mountain and Cougar Mountain State Parks. The City of Bellevue borders Issaquah on the west and Tiger Mountain State Forest and unincorporated King County borders Issaquah on the east.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe? How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Historically, there were agricultural uses in the valley floor along Issaquah Creek, consisting mostly of pastures and animal keeping. Most of these uses ceased within Issaquah by the 1950s

(1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Structures within the City include, but are not limited to, office buildings, retail shops, single-family homes, multifamily developments, retail, auto dealerships, and City offices.

d. Will any structures be demolished?

No. The proposal is a non-project action, any implementation projects are evaluated at the project level. No structures or buildings are proposed for removal or alteration as a part of the proposal.

e. What are the current zoning classifications of the site?

The City of Issaquah currently has 23 zoning categories. The zoning categories are: TP-NRCA (Tradition Plateau – Natural Resource Conservation Area); C-Rec (Conservancy Recreation); CF-F (Community Facilities – Facilities); CF-R (Community Facilities Recreation); CF-OS (Community Facilities Open Space); C-Res (Conservancy Residential); SF-E (Single Family Estates); SF-S (Single Family Suburban); SF-SL (Single Family Small Lot); SF-D (Single Family Duplex); MF-M (Multifamily – Medium); MF-H (Multifamily – High); MUR (Mixed Use Residential); VR (Village Residential); MU (Mixed Use); UC (Urban Core); DR (Destination Retail); PO (Professional Office); CBD (Cultural and Business district); R (Retail); IC (Intensive Commercial); M (Mineral Resources); and U-V (Urban Village) Zoning Districts. Note that the R (Retail) zone is not presently in use but remains a zoning classification.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan land use designations are consistent with the adopted zoning map designations. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

The City of Issaquah Shoreline Master Program lists seven different shoreline environment designations, including: Shoreline Commercial/Mixed Use, High Intensity Transportation, Lake Sammamish Shoreline Residential, Issaquah Creek Shoreline Residential, Lake Sammamish Urban Conservancy, Issaquah Creek Urban Conservancy, and Natural. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an “environmentally sensitive” area?

Issaquah Creek has been classified by the City of Issaquah Critical Areas Ordinance as a Class 1 stream. Additional critical areas are present as well.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

As of 2019, approximately 37,590 people currently reside within the City limits (Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Element, Ord 2894 effective date: 12/25/2019). The current planning horizon for the 2020 Mobility Master Plan anticipates a resident population of 51,7855 and an equivalent population (including residents and employees) of 83,810 by the year 2039 as outlined in the Park Impact Fees Study (March 2, 2020), Ordinance #2902.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts. However, parks and recreational features are highly desirable in various housing environments to improve quality of life and community health. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not applicable.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Not applicable.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

11. Light and Glare

- a. **What type of light or glare will proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**
None.
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**
Not applicable.
- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**
Not applicable.
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**
None. The proposal is a non-project action and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

12. Recreation

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**
There are several different parks within the City of Issaquah. These parks range in recreational use from passive hiking trails to ballparks to various public facilities (community center) and a buildings and a pool. Currently the City's Park system inventory as of March 2, 2020 is: Community Parks (240 acres), Community Facilities (39,020 sq ft), Natural Open Space (1,370 acres), Neighborhood Parks (15 acres), Resource Parks (68 acres), Undeveloped Parks (5 acres), and Trails (24 miles).
- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**
No.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**
The proposal, 2020 Mobility Master Plan, contains an inventory of all available connections to recreational activities and Parks. The proposal promotes multi-modal connections and activities, including connections not only within City parks but to adjacent regional lands for a greater and more diverse recreational experience.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. **Are there any places or objects listed on or eligible for national, State, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.**
The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
- b. **Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.**
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:**
Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:**
The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

14. Transportation

- a. **Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on-site plans, if any.**
Major public highways and/or streets serving the City of Issaquah include, but are not limited to, Interstate 90, State Route 900, Gilman Blvd., Front Street, Rainier Blvd., Sunset Way, Newport Way, East and West Lake Sammamish Parkways, Sammamish Road, 4th Avenue NW, SE 56th St, 228th Ave SE, SE 43rd Way, and Highlands Drive.
- b. **Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

The City of Issaquah is served by two transit agencies: King County Metro and Sound Transit. A regional park and ride is located in the Issaquah Highlands. The Issaquah Transit Center is located along State Route 900 at Maple Street. These facilities serve both agencies with bus stops located along arterials throughout the City for Metro and Sound Transit routes. Issaquah is served by routes 554, 271, and 200 which provide all-day service within Issaquah, and to Seattle and Bellevue, and at peak commute times by express buses which provide additional service to/from Seattle, Redmond, Sammamish, North Bend, and Bellevue.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

None. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Not directly. The proposal, 2020 Mobility Master Plan, specifies goals and policies which address transportation. The proposal identifies new public roads and existing road improvements that are consistent with the adopted 2019 Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, Ordinance 2894. The proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No. Water, rail, or air transportation facilities currently do not operate in the City of Issaquah.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Not applicable. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No. The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Not applicable. The proposal, 2020 Mobility Master Plan, specifies goals and policies which address transportation. Mobility Master Plan will be updated annually to incorporate the most current TIP. The proposed amendments are non-project actions and would not have direct impacts on this element of the environment. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

The proposal is intended to ensure that adequate capital facilities and public services are provided in accordance with projected growth.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:

The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

The proposed amendments are non-project actions. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications. Water and sewer utilities are available throughout the City, depending on

location, from the City of Issaquah, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and the City of Bellevue. Limited areas of septic service are located within the City. Other utility service providers include Puget Sound Energy (electricity and gas) and Century Link (telephone).

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity that might be needed.**

The proposal is a non-project action. Specific project impacts would be evaluated with project applications.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: *Stephen Padua*

Title: Senior Transportation Planner

Date Submitted: 7/31/2020

D. NON-PROJECT SUPPLEMENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

(Do not use this sheet for project actions)

EVALUATION FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment. When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water, emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

The proposal is unlikely to cause significant changes in discharges to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: None. The City of Issaquah Land Use Code contains a number of mitigation requirements, such as those found in Chapter 18.10 IMC Environmental Protection, that are applied at the project level. In addition, the City of Issaquah has programs such as the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program and invests in local transit in order to avoid or reduce the potential vehicular emissions associated with development. Furthermore, Issaquah has several other standards including the adopted Surface Water Design Manual which contain measures to address potential impacts.

- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**

The proposal is not likely to affect plants, fish, or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None. The separate 2018 Park Strategic Plan contains goals, policies and strategies which address preservation and enhancement of natural resources and to protect wildlife habitat.

- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

The proposal is unlikely to deplete energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

The proposal, 2020 Mobility Master Plan has set multiple goals to meet environmental goals to reduce impacts of climate change. The proposal includes reducing drive-alone mode share by 10% of 2006 levels and reducing vehicle-miles-traveled by 13% of 2006 levels, by 2030. The proposals is consistent with the broader Comprehensive Plan (Ordinance 2894, effective 12/25/2019) that has set a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 2007 levels, by 2050.

- 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

None, the separate 2018 Park Strategic Plan provide goals and policies to preserve areas as natural open space, provide trails, and preserve wildlife habitat.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None. The separate 2018 Park Strategic Plan contains goals and policies, including a habitat conservation account, to protect these resources.

- 5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

There are no proposed changes that would affect land and shoreline use.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None. See above.

- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

The proposal, 2020 Mobility Master Plan has set multiple goals to manage and prepare for projected demands on transportation services, but the proposal is unlikely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. The separate Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan helps monitor the City's performance relative to adopted level of service standards. This helps the City determine future capital investments that may be needed to maintain the adopted levels of service.

Proposed measure to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None. See above.

- 7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

The proposal is viewed as consistent with the Issaquah Comprehensive Plan, the Issaquah Municipal Code, the King County Countywide Planning Policies, and the Washington State Growth Management Act.